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Whereas imported oil contributes to a growing and substantial trade imbalance that threatens the United States' economy and transfers the nation's resources to unstable parts of the world;

Whereas the dependence of the United States on oil imports leaves the United States vulnerable to oil supply shocks and reliant on the willingness of other countries to provide sufficient supplies of oil;

Whereas domestic production and use of ethanol improves the economic competitiveness of the United States and lessen energy costs for families and businesses;

Whereas ethanol benefits the United States by lowering the environmental impacts associated with fossil fuel use;

Whereas the President called for an end to the United States' addiction to oil and to reduce the nation's imports 75 percent from unstable parts of the world by 2025;

Whereas domestically produced ethanol strengthens national security, economic vitality, and environmental stewardship;

Whereas approximately 5 million vehicles capable of operating on 85 percent ethanol (E85) are now operating in the United States;

Whereas the use of E85 can further reduce the nation's petroleum dependence and reduce harmful emissions;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Governors' Ethanol Coalition wishes to recognize the nation's automakers for their increased production of flexible fuel vehicles;

Be it further resolved that the Governors' Ethanol Coalition calls on the nation's automakers to manufacture more vehicles and more models of vehicles capable of operating on E85 to increase consumer choice, as soon as possible; and

Be it further resolved that the Governors' Ethanol Coalition supports public policy measures which contribute to added infrastructure for the use of E85.